# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2943
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UNDESERVED MEMBERS IN JURY OF BHARTENDRA PURASKAR YOJANA
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of objectives and procedure of Bhartendra Puraskar Yojana;

(b) whether some members in jury have no desired qualifications for the membership at present;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor memberwise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to appoint renowned Hindi scholars in the jury?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): The Bharatendu Harishchandra Award Scheme was instituted in 1983 to encourageoriginal writing in Hindi in the field of Journalism & Mass Communication. Under thisscheme, awards are now given in four categories namely Journalism & Mass Communication, National Integration, Women`s Problem and Children`s Literature.

On receipt of entries/manuscripts, Evaluation Committees for each category areconstituted comprising members who are scholars/renowned persons in their respective fields. The awards are decided by these Evaluation Committees.

(b), (c) & (d): Utmost care is taken to select only the scholars/renowned persons in the related fields on the Evaluation Committees.